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FIG. 17. SERI BLIND MAN
BEING LED BY A BOY. NOTE THE CRUDE SHELTER OF POLES AND BRUSH SERVING AS AN AMY DWELLING.

231 destitute of nourishment, tough and strong as rawhide; but hope springs eternal in an Indian dog's stomach, and again and again he will search out and mouth the same old pelican bone or fish head, discouraged never. The dogs, beside keeping the camp clean, lick all the cooking utensils when they are not tended, and also are allowed to lick clean the infants after they have performed their natural defecations. A Seri girl was seen placing [312] a small can of water for a dog to drink from, afterward drinking some of the remainder herself and then pouring the rest back into the family five-gallon can.

732 Although the conditions of existence for 734 the Seris had from time immemorial been too precarious to permit of anyone living who was unable by physical disability to hunt or fish to get his meat, there were two or three men, blind or nearly so, whose wives got an uncertain living for them by the hardest struggle (Fig. 17). If a Seri, however, became ill of a disease which the tribe feared, he was often taken into the desert and left with a little food and water, either to get well and return or to perish.

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